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think that what we will do by passing this bill is the most significant real change that we have...that we started 25 years ago and it's going to mean a great deal to people with mental illness. And so I would say again, thank you to the Health and Human Services Committee, and let's just do it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. Well, as they say, no compromise is easy, and I want to commend Senator Jensen and Jeff Santema. Especially, I can't say enough good about Jeff Santema for the work that he's put in, and I can't imagine the position the Governor and Senator Jensen have been in through this whole situation. Those in the body like myself, you know, many of our colleagues think that we were trying to derail the plan. We really did not want to derail the plan, but we simply wanted to make sure the services were up and running before the closure of the regional centers. And it's been a long negotiating process and I'm not going to say very much. I know there's some people that want to put some things on the record and I'm not going to get into that, but I just personally would like to thank Senators Burling and Tyson, Connealy and Combs for their work, Senator Bromm for his work in helping us, Senators Landis and Schimek for what they did in the end to help us get over the final hump here; and again, Senator Jensen, very appreciative of you in working with you and thank you very much. And with that, we hope we can get onto other business.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, want to add my thanks and appreciation to Senator Jensen and the Health and Human Services Committee and all those senators that have come forth and worked on this compromise. Compromise, they always say, both sides are not exactly happy, and I know that it's been a very difficult way. But I think all of us have had uppermost in our minds that we have a plan. And I will be supporting this amendment and I will be supporting the